President.—Is that so, Mr. Raman Menon?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What was the reason why none was opened?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—For want of funds.

Allopathic Dispensaries in rural areas.

24. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the principle applied in selecting places for opening Rural Allopathic Dispensaries;

(b) whether population of a village will be taken into consideration in this matter;

(c) what is the population of the villages in which Rural Allopathic Dispensaries have been opened in the last 15 months and what is the population of the Pazhanji village;

(d) whether the Government have considered the question of opening a Rural Allopathic Dispensary at Pazhanji?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) The selection is made if the area is populous, and if it is not easily served by existing institutions, and if there is demand by and request from the people.

(b) Not the population of a village, but of a group of villages.

(c) No Rural Allopathic Dispensary has been opened till now. The population of Pazhanji village according to the last census is 4,338.

(d) No.

Increase of pay to subordinate officers.

25. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether, following the assurance given at the last budget session, the Government have passed orders giving any extra allowance or increase of pay to the subordinate officials, and if no order has yet been passed after so long a time, what is the reason for this delay?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No orders have been passed. Government are awaiting the report of the Special Finance Committee in the matter.

Flood Relief Fund.

26. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what they have done with the balance of the Flood Relief Fund.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the report of the Cochin Central Flood Relief Committee publish-

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